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FISCAL YEAR 2009 4TH QUARTER REPORT

Passing of the Colors and A New Commander



The time honored military tradition of passing the colors to the new commander is conducted during the Fiscal Year 10 Annual Counterdrug Train-up

By: Lieutenant Colonel Nik Gentry

July 10, 2009 marked a new beginning to an already exceptional program. The command of the Tennessee National Guard Counterdrug Task Force was passed from LTC Byron Deel to MAJ (P) Gene Reece. Standing by for the transition was BG Max Haston, SGM Debbie Rose-Spangler and SFC Timothy Sutton passing the colors of the unit to the new commander during the FY 10 Annual Train-up in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. LTC Deel brought the program to exceptional heights and now MAJ (P) Reece has the reins to move the program to even greater levels of support. The CD Task Force is ready to meet all of the current and future missions.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMANDER

By: MAJ (P) Gene Reece

"And here we go... I am both humbled and excited to be serving as the latest in a long line of exceptional Tennessee National Guard Counterdrug Task Force Commanders. I would like to thank LTC Byron Deel on behalf of the organization. During his tenure the Counterdrug Task Force developed numerous creative programs that benefitted not only drug law enforcement agencies but community based organizations as well. The Task Force is better today due to his leadership and ingenuity. I would also like to personally express my appreciation for the ease of transition into this very diverse operations. We will continue the work he started while taking every opportunity to enhance missions as technology and new skills are developed in the counterdrug arena. I believe, as did LTC Deel, that we are committed to giving our very best to a mission we can not afford to lose."



MAJ (P) Gene Reece during his first days of command at the Counterdrug Task Force Headquarters

DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION

National Night Out Against Crime A Success in Loudon County



Members of the Counterdrug Task Force are shown providing drug awareness trailer support to the National Night Out Event.

By: TSgt Dee Jennings

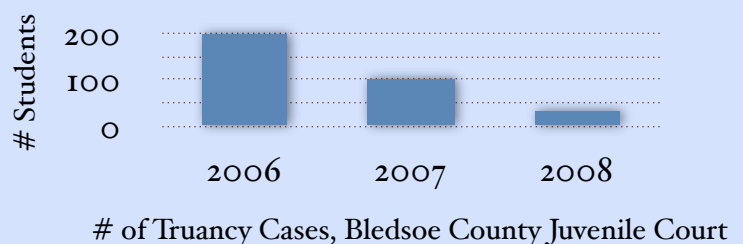
Members of the Tennessee National Guard Counterdrug Task Force in participation with the Health Education Alliance of Loudon County, the Loudon County Police Department and the Parks and Recreation Department hosted the 3rd Annual National Night out Against Crime and Drugs at the Loudon Pool on Tuesday, August 4th, 2009. Guest speakers included State Representative Jimmy Matlock, Mayor Doyle Arp and Chief of Police James Webb. The message was clear from county leadership that police and local emergency responders are taking a firm stance against crime and drug abuse in their community. The Tennessee National Guard provided a Drug Awareness Trailer for the event that was attended by over 350 local citizens. This Night Out was the largest in the history of Loudon county and there is great expectation that crowds will only grow during future events.

COUNTERDRUG DDR AWARENESS PROGRAMS HAVE REACHED OVER 248,000 TENNESSEANS SINCE OCT 1ST, 2008.

Counterdrug Task Force Supported Youth Camps Making a Difference in Tennessee



The Tennessee National Guard Counterdrug Task Force has supported various youth camps and anti-drug related youth events since the mid 1990's. Measuring the success of the program is obtained by various techniques from surveys to actual behavioral changes witnessed by educators or law enforcement personnel. During 2009 two Tennessee counties reported significant behavioral changes in Juvenile Court Youth Camp participants hosted by the National Guard Counterdrug Task Force. One example was noted in McMinn County where 16 juvenile offenders who entered the camp were screened before entry and had a positive drug testing rate of 87.5%. Upon the conclusion of the camp the positive drug screening results had dropped to 12.5%. Of the original 16 participants only 2 exhibited recidivism and the others have thus far maintained a drug free lifestyle. The second example is the truancy rate for Bledsoe County that was above 200 students in 2006. After the students attended a series of annual National Guard supported Youth Camps the rate had fallen to only 35 students for school year 2008-2009 (see chart below.) Witnessing such changes in behavior illustrates the value of National Guard and local agency collaboration to curb the cancer of drug abuse and other negative behaviors in school age youths.



CRIMINAL ANALYSTS PROGRAM

The Tennessee National Guard Counterdrug Task Force provides significant support in the field of drug criminal analysis to multiple law enforcement agencies. Guard members are assigned to the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, the Appalachia High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, Immigration and Customs Enforcement and numerous other task forces with the goal of disrupting the flow of illegal drugs nationally and globally. The Tennessee National Guard program has been recognized as one of the most sophisticated and effective in the nation. One example of the national recognition of the program occurred on 17 August thru 26 August 2009 when the officer in charge of the Tennessee criminal analysts conducted a class for 35 students from 17 States and 1 Territory at the national counterdrug training center in Iowa. The course provided students with a phase two level of expertise that enhances their analytical capabilities and provides a more uniformed approach nationally concerning methods of assisting law enforcement in defeating drug related crime. The majority of the seizures reported in FY 09 by the Tennessee Counterdrug Task Force were a direct result of the work conducted daily by soldiers



and airmen diligently focused on curtailing the threat posed by drug trafficking organizations.

BREAKING NEWS!!!

On September 10, 2009 the Governor's Task Force For Marijuana Eradication made a major discovery of over 155,000 cultivated plants from a single Drug Trafficking Organization's grow site in Tennessee equating to hundreds of thousands of dollars in drugs seized.

**DRUG SUPPLY REDUCTION****AIR / GROUND OPERATIONS**

1007 AIRCRAFT HOURS FLOWN

133 MISSIONS CONDUCTED

1,453 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TRAINED



PREVENTION TREATMENT & OUTREACH UPDATE

Helping Tennessee National Guard Soldiers, Airmen and Their Families

By: SGM Deborah Rose-Spangler

The Prevention Treatment and Outreach Program of the Tennessee National Guard has trained 161 Unit Prevention Specialists (UPS's) during FY 09. The classes provided are designed to train National Guard personnel of the dangers of substance abuse while simultaneously providing knowledge of resources available offered by the PT&O program. The Prevention Coordinator also informs soldiers and airmen across the state of the financial assistance they may obtain through the Access to Recovery (ART) grant. The ART funding can be used if a member of the Guard is not financially able to pay for substance abuse rehabilitation or if their insurance does not cover such treatment. The Tennessee Prevention Treatment and Outreach Program at the national level conducted a workshop in Nashville from August 31 to September 1, 2009 for twelve states across the country. The first day of the workshop consisted of our substance abuse and prevention statistical tracking methods and the manner in which we effectively train Unit Prevention Specialists in Tennessee. The second day consisted of information from government and business speakers involved in the prevention and treatment of substance



abuse. Agencies and organizations such as the TN Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services, Military and Family Life Consultants, the Yellow Ribbon organization and the Department of Veteran Affairs. The PT&O program has made great strides in Tennessee and we look forward to the mission positively impacting our Guard families.



**473 UNIT PREVENTION
LEADERS AND 23 DRUG
TESTING PROGRAM
ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGERS
HAVE TESTED OVER 12,111
GUARDSMEN IN FISCAL
YEAR 2009.**

FY 2009 SEIZURES

FROM OCT 2008 to Sep 6 2009

****Seizure information is from
drug cases that were supported
by the Counterdrug Task Force
through Criminal Analysis,
Ground or Aerial
Reconnaissance.**

Cocaine.....	666.47 lbs.
Crack Cocaine.....	13.37 lbs.
Meth.....	53.05 lbs.
Meth Labs.....	881
Heroin.....	53.05lbs.
Proc. Marijuana.....	4,588.86 lbs.
Marijuana Plants.....	372,257
Arrests.....	1488
Vehicles.....	220
Weapons.....	251
Currency.....	\$4,239,089.83



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